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PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE D05PPN-03-2020

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District has received a proposal from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration with plans for the replacement of an existing highway fixed bridge with a new fixed bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Cat Creek, mile 1.0, at Accomack County, VA.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The proposed project is to replace the existing Wallops Island Causeway highway fixed bridge with a fixed bridge. The purpose of the project is to maintain NASA's launch operations and replace a bridge design that is no longer considered acceptable, eliminating the risk of failure or de-rating.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

| <u>Existing</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Vertical Clearance: | Vertical Clearance: |
| 40 feet above mean high water | 12.6 feet above mean high water |
| Horizontal Clearance: | Horizontal Clearance: |
| 60 feet between the abutments. | 60 feet between the abutments. |

North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) (Existing and Proposed bridges)

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

Mariners are requested to provide navigational information, such as the sizes and types of vessels presently owned and operated on the waterway and nature of navigation (including the extent of nighttime navigation) on the waterway. Mariners are requested to comment on the navigational clearances and need for bridge protective systems, clearance gauges, and navigational lighting on the proposed bridge. Please submit the attached response form.

Interest parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed project. Comments will be received for the record at the office of Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 through **March 19, 2021**.

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By direction of the Commander
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Attachments: (1) Response Form

Wallops Island Causeway Bridge
Cat Creek, mile 1.0
Accomack County, VA
Preliminary Public Notice D05PPN-01-2021
Response Form

It is requested that anyone having an interest in this proposed project, from the standpoint of navigation, submit vessel information, comments, and recommendations on this form to the office of Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 by **March 19, 2021**.

| Vessel Information | Please provide all requested information: |
|---|---|
| Vessel Type | |
| Use – <i>Commercial and/or Recreational</i> | |
| Vessel Height | |
| Draft | |
| Length | |
| Beam | |
| Tonnage | |
| Mooring Location | |

Name (Optional): _____

Address (Optional): _____

Phone (Optional): _____

Comments and Recommendations: _____
